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## POLITICAL GOSSIP

Last week Truth called attention to the fact that it might be a good thing to call a grand jury to investigate alleged abuses in the city and county governments. The Tribune was the first to suggest a grand jury to look into county affairs, but since it was proposed to include the city government in the proposed investigation the Tribune dropped the idea like a hot potato and resumed its publication of falsehoods about Postmaster Thomas as a diversion to its readers. If a grand jury should be summoned it would find city affairs a much more fruitful field for investigation than those of the county, and it also might find that the conduct of the Tribune and some of those who direct it would also be proper objects upon which to turn the searchlight.

Agitation is being renewed on the question of uniting the city and the county governments as a move in the interest of economy. We pay too much for government, both municipal and county, and anything tending towards a reduction should be encouraged.

The "American" city administration is hot air, newspaper talk, buncombe and graft. The administration organs made big grandstand plays about the necessity of people cleaning up their lawns, back yards and premises generally. They did so on Arbor day, but the garbage which it was the duty of the street department to have removed to the crematory immediately is still piled up in the streets where the people left it. There is no excuse for this except incompetence and criminal neglect. The running expenses of the city have been increased to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars a year to make places for hungry ward heelers and provide graft for members of the city council and others of the administration, while efficiency of service has deteriorated.

Mayor Thompson vetoed the appropriation of \$10,000 made by the city council for the relief of San Francisco sufferers. The mayor's position is no doubt legally correct, but what of other appropriations of a somewhat similar nature, but not nearly so mer-

itorious, which Mayor Thompson approved during his previous administrations? If there ever was a case in which the law might be strained a little, the San Francisco case is it.

The illustrations which the Tribune, Herald and Telegram publish, alleging that they are pictures of scenes of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, are the worst ever put out. They are nothing but blots, convey nothing to the mind, and would be much more honored in the breach than the observance. What is the matter with those up-to-date and alleged expensive presses which the Tribune and Herald never cease boasting about possessing? The Deseret News is the only paper in this part of the country that has published illustrations which illustrate anything connected with the calamity. The News pictures have been very creditable productions; besides that, the News has skinned the other dailies a mile in regard to time in placing the pictorial reports before the public.

The "Americans," notwithstanding their unsavory record in the management of city affairs, are going right ahead making plans to carry the county next fall and to put up a state ticket also. They purpose nominating a congressional candidate, a candidate for judge of the supreme court, and a full legislative ticket. If misrepresentation, bribery and corruption will win, the "Americans" will be successful. Misrepresentation, bribery and corruption are the strong arguments of the leaders of that party.

There is talk of fusion between the Republicans and Democrats to prevent the "American" grafters from obtaining control of this county. The "Americans" are expecting to run strong in the mining camps; at least they say so.

E. D. R. Thompson has entered on his position as receiver of the United States land office and is receiving the congratulations of his friends.

The Republican auxiliary held another meeting on Tuesday evening in Judge Armstrong's court room in the City and County building. The organization is composed mostly of young

Republican workers who are desirous of getting the party in shape to make a winning fight next fall. Speeches were made by H. A. Smith, C. S. Kinney, R. S. Young, Joseph S. Sharp, W. H. Farnsworth, Will Folland, H. A. McMillan, W. E. Jenkins and David A. Smith. One very praiseworthy effort the auxiliary is making is to eliminate from the next campaign the genus political bum whose strong point is to get money from the various political parties under the pretense of doing political work and at the same time doing nothing. He should be eliminated without ceremony. Another thing which all the political parties should agree upon is to stop the practice of hiring carriages to haul voters to the polls. It's an expensive nuisance and should be dropped. Anybody who doesn't value the franchise highly enough to walk to the polls to vote should be left at home. Elections cost too much. The assessments on candidates for election purposes are too high and discourage many desirable men from running for office.

Calvin S. Buckwalter, who has been chief deputy clerk in one of the divisions of the district court for several years has tendered his resignation to take effect at the end of this month. Mr. Buckwalter has been a most efficient and faithful public servant and his resignation is regretted by his associates and those with whom he came in contact in his official capacity. He leaves his present position to enter into the real estate business, having formed a partnership with R. A. Sermon. Truth wishes them much success.

### TRYING TO THROW HEARST OUT OF THE PARTY.

The Democratic party, in the opinion of a goodly portion of the press, says the Literary Digest, is beginning to find it necessary to fight the Hearst movement tooth and nail. Hearst is no longer looked upon as a charlatan to deride, but as a formidable rival to combat with all the resources at the command of the battered party. There is to be a dinner at the Democratic Club of New York in honor of Jefferson, but really, it is said, to assert again those conservative principles of Democracy which the Hearst movement is undermining. One such dinner has already taken place at the Democratic Club, with August

Belmont, Mr. Hearst's pet aversion, in the chair. So terrible and so fiery were the words uttered by Mr. De Lancey Nicoll, vice chairman of the Democratic National committee, that even Democratic papers disapproved of them. As to Mr. Hearst's New York Journal, it all but broke out into billingsgate over them. Here are the words of Mr. Nicoll. It was during the Democratic campaign of the last election that ended so pathetically:

"Mr. Hearst and his man Ihmsen, came to me and asked for space to open up quarters in our place. I told them we would be only too glad to accommodate them, and I gave them the very best we had. They had the use of all the campaigning facilities at the national headquarters, and then afterward they turned round and stuck the knife into the back of the candidate of the Democratic party and tried all they could to help to beat us.

"Gentlemen, I don't want you when future issues come up to forget such a gross act of treachery as this. Remember that the Hearst crowd came to us, seemingly as friends; they accepted the hospitality we offered them, they availed themselves of all we had, and then they deliberately stuck the knife in the candidate of the party they were supposed to be supporting.

"I want for a moment to contrast the treacherous behavior of Hearst and the record of Bryan. My experiences of that campaign proved to me that Bryan is a true Democrat, while Hearst is a false Democrat. So far as Mr. Bryan is concerned, he undertook to support loyally and earnestly and with all his powers of eloquence the candidate who had been selected by the Democratic National convention."

The New York Times (Dem.) feels that there is something wrong with metropolitan cookery when good men and true sit down ostensibly to dine and then are suddenly consumed with passion and utter words sharper than the sting of paprika. The Times thinks Mr. Nicoll's words had better been left unsaid, for it gravely doubts "whether Mr. Hearst is any better for it." To quote:

"We don't see how the plight of the Democratic party is visibly improved by these passionate references to bygone things. Mr. Nicoll accuses Mr. Hearst of treason to the Democratic party, and declares that he and his agents, while they accepted headquarters hospitality, stabbed the can-